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SUBJECT: TCDC - PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING AUGUST 29

- 1. SUMMARY: PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING ON TCDC TOOK PLACE ON SCHEDULE AUGUST 29 WITHOUT MAJOR PROBLEMS BEING RAISED.
- 2. DURING PRE-CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS AGREED THAT HEAD OF ARGENTINE DELEGATION GENERAL JORGE POZZO WOULD BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE. PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE AS SET FORTH IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENT 79/2 WERE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY PLENARY. AGENDA IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENT 79/1 WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION, AS WAS THE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE; I.E. A PLENARY, A MAIN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE PLAN OF ACTION, AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE.
- 3. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD CONSIST OF A PRESIDENT, 19 VICE PRESIDENTS, A RAPPORTEUR AND A CHAIRMAN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE. THESE POSTS WOULD BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: LATIN AMERICA 4 INCLUDING PRESIDENT, AFRICA 6 INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF MAIN COMMITTEE, ASIA 5, EASTERN EUROPE 3, AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS 4 UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDING THE RAPPORTEUR.

4. THE GROUP OF 77 AGREED AUGUST 28 THAT ABDUL-MEGUID, MINISTER OF PLANNING, EGYPT, SHOULD BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE. AFTER INTENSIVE DEBATE, THEY ALSO AGREED TO ASK THE WESTERN GROUP TO PROVIDE A CONFERENCE RAPPORTEUR. THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT

DECISION BECAUSE IT SHOWED THE DEVELOPING WORLD'S INTEREST IN INVOLVING THE WEST IN THIS CONFERENCE. THE WEO GROUP AGREED TO ACCEPT THIS POSITION AND THE SPANISH DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY FILL THIS POST.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MAIN CONFERENCE WOULD OPEN AT 11:00 AM AUGUST 30. CASTRO

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